

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

The Applicants appreciate the acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in claims 17, 19 and 34.

By the foregoing amendment, claims 17, 19 and 34 have been amended. Claims 1-16, 18 and 20-33 have been previously canceled. Thus, claims 17, 19 and 34 are currently pending in the application and subject to examination.

In the Office Action mailed April 12, 2006, claims 17, 19 and 34 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Claims 17, 19 and 34 have been amended responsive to this rejection. Thus, as noted in the outstanding Office Action, claims 17, 19 and 34 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 17, 19 and 34 are in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowability is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this

communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing client matter number
108131-00000.

Respectfully submitted,

Arent Fox, PLLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele L. Connell", written over a horizontal line.

Michele L. Connell
Registration No. 52,763

Customer No. 004372
1050 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20036-5339
Telephone No. (202) 857-6104
Facsimile No. (202) 857-6395

CMM/MLC:ksm